

OFF TO EUROPE FOR WINTER

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard Strong of
Lake Forest to Sail Tuesday.

ODD COMPACT WITH HUSBAND

Illness of Relative Given as Reason for
Journey to Switzerland.

Acquaintances of Henry Gordon Strong and Mrs. Margaret Hubbard Strong of Lake Forest were interested last night to learn that Mrs. Strong has announced her intention of sailing Tuesday for Europe. She expects to spend the winter at Lausane, Switzerland. The reason assigned for leaving America at this time is the illness of a relative.

Mrs. Strong has been staying at the Virginia hotel, but last night neither she nor Mr. Strong could be found there, and they could not be reached by telephone in Lake Forest. It was stated at the Virginia that Mrs. Strong had left the city.

The last time the Strongs figured prominently in the newspapers was last July, when an unusual compact was filed for record. By the terms of the compact, both Mr. and Mrs. Strong released all dower rights in the estates of each other, and Mr. Strong agreed to pay his wife \$4,000 a year for the first ten years after July 1, 1908; \$4,500 a year for the second ten years, and thereafter \$5,000 a year until her death. In detail, the agreement provided that the payments were not to be canceled in the event of the death of Mr. Strong, but were to continue an obligation on his estate. A penalty was provided in case Mr. Strong should be too slow in meeting payments.

The filing of the compact gave rise to rumors of a prospective separation, but both Mr. and Mrs. Strong declared emphatically that they were happy and ridiculed the idea of a divorce.